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RATHDRUM PRAIRIE GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN NOW AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW ON INTERNET WEB SITE

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The proposed management plan for the Rathdrum Prairie ground water management area is now available for public review on the Internet, the Idaho Department of Water Resources said today.

The Rathdrum Prairie Ground Water Advisory Committee spent a year developing the proposed plan. It addresses key water management elements identified when IDWR Director Karl Dreher issued an order in December 2002 establishing the Rathdrum Prairie Ground Water Management Area. The proposed plan also contains actions the advisory committee feels are needed for successful long-term management of the aquifer. The web site also includes comments filed regarding the plan by selected stakeholders.

The proposed plan and related comments can be found under the News & Events category of the IDWR Internet web site. The Internet address is: www.idwr.state.id.us.

A public meeting will be held in the near future to discuss the proposed plan with all interested parties.